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BEGIN SUMMARY. FRENCH RES REQUESTING MEETING AND REPORT FROM UNSCEAR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AMENDED BY PERU, NEW ZEALAND AND FIJI ADOPTED BY SPECIAL POLITICAL COMITE (SPC) 1 NOV 1973. US ABSTAINED. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH RES (REFTEL A) REQUESTING REPORT BY UNSCEAR TO CURRENT GA ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENTS BY NEW ZEALAND, FIJI AND PERU. NEW ZEALAND AMENDMENT (REFTEL A) ADOPTED 97-0-10 (US, UK, PRC, SOVS); FIJI AMENDMENT 64-2 (FRANCE, PORGUGAL) - 39 (US); AND PERU AMENDMENT 85-4 (UK, CANADA, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS) -16 (US). FRENCH RES AS AMENDED THEN ADOPTED 105 (UK)-0-9 (US, PRC, SOVS). PHILIPPINES JOINED AS CO-SPONSOR TO ALL 3 AMENDMENTS.
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2. DEBATE WAS SUBDUED WITH FRENCH DELOFF (SCALABRE) USING ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO REFER TO FINDINGS ON ATMOSPHERIC TESTING ENCLOSED IN THEIR LETTER (UN DOC A/9192). SCALABRE STATED FRENCH INTENTION OF HAVING UNSCEAR CONSIDER ACCUMULATED DATA FROM 1972 AND POSSIBLY 1973 TESTINGS, UPDATE REPORT, AND SUBMIT TO GA TO PUT END TO "FANTASIES" EXPRESSED BY CERTAIN "UNINFORMED" DELEGATIONS.

3. NEW ZEALAND REP WELCOMED FRENCH INITIATIVE BUT URGED UNSCEAR TO AVOID SUBMITTING MERE COMPILATION OF STATISTICS BUT RATHER A BALANCED REPORT OF BENEFITS/HAZARDS OF NUCLEAR TESTING. UK, BELGIUM, FRANCE AND CANADA SPOKE AGAINST PERU AMENDMENT AS PREJUDGING AND QUESTINING EFFECTIVENESS OF UNSCEAR WHICH THEY, AND OTHERS, DEFENDED AS NON-POLITICAL, EFFECTIVE, AND PROPER SIZE. PERU DELOFF STATED INTENT WAS NOT TO IMPLY UNSATISFACTORY WORK FROM UNSCEAR BUT RATHER TO OPEN UP GA TO OPINIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBER STATES AS WELL AS UNSCEAR.

4. PRC ANNOUNCED NON-PARTICIPATION IN VOTE ON FIJI AMENDMENT ADDING PRC IS COMPELLED TO TEST THROUGH ACTIONS BY HEGEMONIC SUPER-POWERS AND WOULD STOP TESTING ONLY WHEN OTHERS HAD DESTROYED THEIR OWN NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

5. FOLLOWING VOTE FRANCE URGED SECRETARIAT ARRANGE FOR UNSCEAR TO MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SCALABRE REPEATED HIS OBJECTIONS TO AMENDMENTS, PARTICULARLY FIJI'S, BUT EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF UNSCEAR WOULD DISPEL FEARS REGARDING LEVELS OF RADIATION FROM NUCLEAR TESTS.

6. TEXT AS ADOPTED BY SPC READS AS FOLLOWS:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 913 (X) OF 3 DECEMBER 1955, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION, AND ITS SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTIONS,

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RECALLING IN PARTICULAR THE TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 4 OF RESOLUTION 2905 (XXVII) WHICH IT ADOPTED ON 17 OCTOBER 1972,

NOTING WITH REGRET THAT NUCLEAR TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED SINCE RESOLUTION 2905 (XXVII) AND RESOLUTION 2934 (XXVII) WERE ADOPTED,

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CONVINCED OF THE NEED TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE,

CONVINCED OF THE ADVISABILITY OF CONTINUING TO REVIEW
THE LEVELS OF ATOMIC RADIATION, PARTICULARLY OF RADIATION
RESULTING FROM UNCONTROLLED SOURCES SUCH AS NUCLEAR
TESTS AND TO STUDY THE EFFECTS ON POPULATIONS AND LIVING
NATURAL RESOURCES EXPOSED TO SUCH RADIATION.

1. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
TO MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MAKE A STUDY OF
THE MOST RECENT DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN OR MAY SHORTLY
BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT AND TO UPDATE, WITH A
VIEW TO THEIR RESUBMISSION TO THIS SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE CONCLUSIONS CONTAINED IN ITS
LATEST REPORT (A/8725), FOR WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AGAIN COMMENDS THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE;

2. DECIDES TO CONSIDER, AT AN EARLY DATE, THE MEANS
TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCIENTIFIC
COMMITTEE.
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